

January 15, 2014

Item No. 6

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT AN AWARD FROM AND AMEND THE GRANT AGREEMENT  
WITH THE URBAN INSTITUTE FOR THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICES TOGETHER  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

**To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to accept an additional grant award in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 from the Urban Institute and amend Grant Agreement No. 08609-000-05-CHA-01 with the Urban Institute to extend the Housing Opportunities and Services Together (“HOST”) Demonstration Project through April 30, 2015.

The Executive Vice President (“EVP”) of Resident Services and the Office of the General Counsel have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

**CORPORATE GOAL**

The proposed program supports CHA’s corporate goal of expanding services to more residents, targeted to their needs, at critical milestones in their lives.

**FUNDING:** None

**Grant Award**

Original Grant Award:	\$ 750,000
Second Grant Award:	\$ 287,000
New Grant Award:	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Revised Total Grant Award:	\$1,137,000

**GENERAL BACKGROUND**

The impetus for the HOST program was based on lessons learned from the Chicago Family Case Management Demonstration Project, which was a collaborative effort between CHA, Urban Institute and other partners from 2006 to 2009. HOST tests a two-generational model designed to improve family outcomes for both vulnerable adults and their children. At its core, HOST aims to address key barriers to economic independence and self-sufficiency, poor physical and mental health, addiction, low literacy levels and a weak connection to the labor force, while simultaneously integrating services for youth that are designed to break the inter-generational cycle of poverty. HOST aims to reduce community violence and disorder through adult and youth services for the most troubled families.

The grant funding from the Urban Institute has supplemented the enhanced HOST services for the target population at Altgeld Gardens since August of 2011. The services are primarily provided by Uhlich Children's Advantage Network, who is CHA's FamilyWorks provider at Altgeld Gardens. Acceptance of the additional grant funds will allow CHA and Urban Institute to continue to implement the HOST Demonstration Program for another year. The HOST metrics are aligned with Resident Services mission and goals (e.g. participants obtaining permanent unsubsidized employment, participants obtaining GEDs, participation in clinical and mental health services and engaging youth in age appropriate activities). These metrics are being evaluated throughout the course of the Demonstration by Urban Institute and will be used to assess the long-term benefits and impact of the program.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) procurement laws.

The EVP of Resident Services concurs with the recommendation to accept an additional grant from and amend the grant agreement with the Urban Institute.

The CEO/President recommends the approval to accept an additional grant award in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 from the Urban Institute and amend Grant Agreement No. 08609-000-05-CHA-01 with the Urban Institute to extend the HOST Demonstration Project through April 30, 2015.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-CHA-7**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated January 15, 2014 entitled "RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL GRANT AWARD FROM AND AMEND THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH URBAN INSTITUTE FOR THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICES TOGETHER DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM";

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**THAT** the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to accept an additional grant award in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 from the Urban Institute and amend Grant Agreement No. 08609-000-05-CHA-01 with the Urban Institute to extend the Housing Opportunities and Services Together Demonstration Project through April 30, 2015.



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